HAWTHORN HEDGE, POST AND RAIL FENCE REMAINS, HURSTBRIDGE-ARTHURS CREEK ROAD, NUTFIELD.

PLANTED: CIRCA 1900?

THEMES ILLUSTRATED BY THIS PLACE: FARMING

BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE: RARITY (IN THIS PART OF

THE SHIRE) STREETSCAPE LANDSCAPE

DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: ENTIRE HEDGE AND FENCE

REMAINS

RECOMMENDATIONS: LOCAL PLANNING PROTECTION



Hawthorn Hedge, Post and Rail Fence Remains, Hurstbridge-Arthurs Creek Road Cont.

## **CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

This hedge and the fence remains survive from the farm use of this land in either the 19th or early 20th centuries and the hedge illustrates the adoption of English farm fencing techniques in Victoria. Once common, this sort of farm fencing is now quite rare and most surviving examples in the Shire of Eltham are around Kangaroo Ground, with just a few along the Arthurs Creek valley, reflecting its early settlement by farmers. Surviving post and rail fencing of more than fifty years in age is very rare in the Municipality.

**HISTORY:** 

Original Use:

Farm fence

Present Use:

Same

## **CONSERVATION GUIDELINES:**

Preserve both hedge and fence remains.

Supplement any missing sections now or in the future with plant stock from the existing hedge.

